



The Emerald Press



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Emerald Press Shutting Down!? + Its Comeback (Not Clickbait)

By Shunsei Yamamoto

Panic ran through the student body when the rumors spread by the news that the Emerald Press has come to a halt for this year. This caused much negotiation for the fate of the beloved school paper. Suddenly, a group of students, led by sophomores Emilija Morkevičius and Noa Stahlberg, rose up from the ashes and ruins to re-establish the print; but with their own twist.

They rallied their fellow students and comrades to write stories of the interesting lives of HCS students, movie reviews, and even about their cooking catastrophes. Even through tough schedules; plowing through musicals and Ski Club, and an endless abundance of homework, they have managed to publish their first issue of the new press: the Emerald Press.

So thank you for taking the time to read the first issue of the Emerald Press!

If anyone is interested in writing an article, please email Noa or Emilija.



Mr. Alsup Returns After Near-Death Experience

By Emilija Morkevičius

Mr. Alsup is a beloved science teacher at HCS, but he hasn't been seen at school for weeks.

Over winter break, Mr. Alsup decided to paint his bedroom. His house has very high ceilings and so he was on a very tall ladder. He described how he shifted his weight to reach a tough spot "when the plastic drop cloth ripped away from the wall and my ladder slid out from under me." He came crashing down from a towering height and hit his back against the window sill. He bounced twice and finally landed on the floor.

Using only sheer will, Mr. Alsup pulled himself into his bed. At first, he thought he had only bruised a couple ribs. The next day, however, the pain was unmanageable and he was taken to

Community Memorial Hospital. There, he received a CAT scan and x-rays, revealing that his 12th thoracic vertebra had exploded. He was then transported to a hospital in Syracuse for emergency surgery.

Unfortunately, the hospital was understaffed due to COVID and he had to wait three days before receiving his operation. The surgery went well. He now boasts 8 screws and two metal rods in his back.

A few days later, he experienced sharp, shooting pains in his side. He went to the ER in Hamilton (again!) and discovered that his gallbladder was infected. He then received yet another emergency surgery.

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Today's Lunch:

Salisbury steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruit
Milk

What country or territory is this?



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Mr. Alsup cont.

Mr. Alsup returned to school on Valentine's Day. He still misses being able to move easily and eat fatty foods. But Mr. Alsup sees the silver lining in everything and is extremely grateful for the community's support during this time. Not to mention how lucky he was to not paralyze his legs!

A shard of his vertebra was only 1 millimeter away from his spinal cord!

Mr. Alsup advises students, "If you are going to paint (or do anything) on a ladder, make sure to have a spotter. If I had someone holding the ladder I would be fine."

Sectional Overview

By Chloé Filipowicz

On Sunday, the boys varsity basketball team played Cincinatus at the SRC stadium for the Class D Section III title. The team fought hard, never letting Cincinatus gain a considerable lead and battled it out to the end. After being down by four at the end of the first quarter, Hamilton refused to give up the title so easily and went into halftime with the score of 24-25. By the end of regulation time, the game was tied at 52-52. Although the team fought hard for the eight minutes of overtime, they fell just short of victory, with a final score of 64-62 Cincinatus. Great job to everyone on the Hamilton Boys Basketball team and a special

congratulations to Hudson Idzy and Thomas Simpson for being named to the Class D all tournament team for New York. The Boys Varsity Basketball team ended the season with an incredible 23-1 record after being ranked one of the top basketball teams in the state. Congratulations on a good season and everyone here at Hamilton looks forward to seeing what you'll do next year.

Recipe: Poke Bowls

By Naomi Meyers

Sushi Rice-

2 cups of sushi rice

3 cups of water

1 tbsp vegetable oil

½ cup rice vinegar

¼ cup sugar

salt to taste

1. Rinse the rice in a strainer until the water runs clear.
2. Put the rice and water in a pot and bring it to a boil. Once it boils lower the temperature until the water is gone and the rice is soft
3. While the rice is cooking, dissolve sugar and salt in vegetable oil and vinegar.
4. Once the rice is done, put it in a large bowl and stir in the vinegar mixture. Spread the rice along the walls of the bowl and let it come to room temperature

Add ins:

1 tuna steak (this needs to be sushi grade)

1 cucumber thinly sliced

1 block of tofu

1 large carrot shredded

Pickled ginger

Seaweed salad

Sauce for marinating and topping:

Soy sauce

Sesame oil

Rice vinegar

Red pepper flakes

Grated ginger

Sesame seeds

Salt

1. Mix however much of each ingredient that you want and taste to make sure
2. Cut up the tuna steak into cubes and marinate it in some of the sauce for 30 minutes
3. Marinate the cucumber and the tofu in the sauce in separate bowls for 10 minutes
4. Create your bowl with a base of rice and whatever toppings you want!

To be completely honest, this recipe doesn't have too many measurements. Most of the ingredients are optional and you can just include whatever you want. The sauces are completely to taste and you can add more or less of whatever you want because the amounts are completely made up out of my head. This recipe is one of my favorites to make for dinner, especially for my family because everyone can take a little bit of what they want. Hope you enjoy!

p.s. I'm pretty sure I legally have to say that eating raw fish has risk of foodborne illness so you have to use sushi grade tuna or use tuna from can mixed with sriracha

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Addiction in Our School

By Naomi Meyers

Our school has a serious problem: a juice addiction. Every morning half of the high school shows up to the breakfast line willing to fight for the last cup of juice. Apple juice, orange juice, grape juice, you name it, a highschooler will want it. Not only are people crazed for the juice, they are willing to barter, steal, and trade for it. There are people taking three, even four juices per day and chugging them like it's their last day.

This is becoming such a problem that even teachers are worried for the safety of their students. Mr. Rose told his AP Language and Composition class that he was concerned that the grape juice wasn't just grape juice. What is in these small cups that leaves the students of Hamilton Central longing for grape juice? Is it that teenagers will do anything for free stuff? Is it laced with something else...? Or is our school just truly unhinged in their love for juice.

When asked about what makes the tiny cartons better than any other juice, Junior Amaya Martin said "the fact that I get breakfast after gym so it's extra refreshing and the bite sized cups make it like a delicacy". Amaya clearly knows best as she goes around collecting as many juices as possible during her early morning study hall.



The situation is starting to get so out of hand that the school has to serve freezed juice to meet the demand of hundreds of thirsty students. Last week, numerous students realized that their juice was frozen and too cold. Almost all of them chose to drink it anyway in a juice crazed haze.

Soon we will need to cut off the supply of juice or else our entire school will be trapped in addiction like a bunch of juice zombies. Forget bullying and theft, this is the issue plaguing our school that we truly need to solve.



Club Interview: Climate Change Club

By Naomi Meyers

What is your club? This is a climate club and the goal is to get out and reduce carbon emissions and raise awareness. We also want to get involved in local organizations that have already achieved carbon neutral goals.

What is the coolest thing that your club has done this year? We made a video for the middle schoolers, we are going to do a poster for petitions that have qr codes that people can scan, we might meet with the Hamilton Climate Counsel that is trying to fight for change in the Hamilton community. We also might create a corner in the library for eco-friendly activities.

What is one goal that your club has for the future? We want to raise awareness, help to change people's habits conveniently, and we want to increase student and community involvement in climate issues



What is something you wish people knew about your club? I wish that people knew that it was fun, and that the more people that get involved, the more change we can do and make a difference

HCS Climate Club meets on Tuesdays during high school lunch and can be found on Instagram at [@hcs_climate_society](https://www.instagram.com/hcs_climate_society)

A Very Accurate Well Researched Uncharted Prediction

By Owen Arquiett & June Loranty

After watching every single *Uncharted* trailer on Valentine's evening, only one thought came to mind. Holy Macaroni! This is going to be the best movie since *The Karate Kid*. Then we realized the movie is based on some random video game made in 2012. Although this isn't an immediate downside, you do have to look back at other movies inspired from video games. Some of these include *Sonic The Hedgehog* (2020), *Sonic The Hedgehog 2* (2022), *The Angry Birds Movie* (2016), and the *Angry Birds Movie 2* (2019). The wrap sheet is not great. Also, they're adding *Uncharted* skins to the popular video game *Fortnite Battle Royale*, which can't be a good sign.

Anywho, the movie is about some 12-ish year old bartender who wants to find some treasure, and possibly a long lost brother, with a sleazy boomer named Victor. In the overly-dramatic, poorly-made,



trailer it's clear that this Victor fellow has a really big ego as he wants to be called Sully all the time. Like who the heck is this guy? It seems far too likely they'll copy Indiana Jones, giving Nathan a fear of snakes or spiders or some other small animal. They'll probably also have to traverse a pit of lizards to save Sully at some point.

One prediction I have is that Sully is going to die. I strongly believe he is going to bite the dust because I want him to. *Uncharted* made 21.5 million dollars at the international box office premier.

In total, the *Emoji Movie* has made 217.8 million dollars. These facts are relevant together because they both include the topic of money.

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It should also be mentioned That *Return of the King* made 1.146 billion dollars beating both the *Emoji Movie* and *Uncharted*. *Uncharted* probably ends with them saying they lived happily ever after... until they find out Nathan's lost brother was actually Sully and if you recall Sully dies at some point so now he lost his brother twice. So sad.

We also can't ignore that the lead, Nathan, is played by Tom Holland, a Brit. This information is very suspicious because Hamilton Central School is in the USA and Great Britain is somewhere in Canada. This movie may secretly be British propaganda so watch at your own risk.

Fun Fact! The name Sully and the name Shrek both start with an S, and *Shrek 2* made 928 million dollars in the box office

Macaron Mayhem ft. Gaslighting Because When Life Gives You Lemons

By Emilija Morkevičius

Last Sunday, I made a decision that I will regret for the rest of my life.

It was a sunny, peaceful morning (not that I would know, I slept until noon) and woke up with a flaming in my very core to bake.

Skip the next paragraph, dear

reader, it describes my credentials:

I am an avid baker, having mastered many recipes and even written a few of my own. In the baking world, macarons (French sandwich cookies) are viewed as a treat only experienced bakers can create. I had made macarons twice before.

The recipe I selected was Tasty's "Matcha Macarons" recipe by Daiki Nakagawa and Spencer Kombol. Here was the biggest mistake of my life. The second biggest mistake was choosing to bake it anyways.

I found it very suspicious (sus, if you will) that the recipe had written the ingredients in cups and tablespoons instead of grams. (Note: This is usually normal, but baking macarons requires more specific measurements.) I shrugged my shoulders and kept on.

When making macarons, you first must make a meringue (by beating egg whites and sugar). However, the proportions must have been off because the mixture never reached stiff peaks. I shrugged my shoulders and kept on.

Macaron batter should be very wet. So wet it should be able to be easily pushed through a frosting bag. This was not the case. In fact, I could shape them like ordinary cookie dough by rolling them up! Unfortunately, I shrugged my shoulders and kept on.

I finally took my cookies out of the oven. The results were disastrous. Ever the optimist, I took the opportunity to gaslight people into thinking the result was a traditional Lithuanian dish.



Messy matcha macarons



Red velvet cupcakes with cream cheese frosting



Chocolate cake with vanilla swiss meringue buttercream and berries



Chocolate "Chewbacca" cake

Byrne Dairy's Mint Milk

By June Loranty

If you have gone to Byrne Dairy you will have seen their seasonal mint milk. It's unfortunate bright green color makes it look repulsive. There are mixed reviews, but at least it's festive. According to Emilija Morkevicius it's "miracle juice", Abigail Hagos "loved it", and Noa Stahlberg thought it was "delicious", whether they were being sarcastic is for you to decide. Eleven year old Cora Loranty liked the milk so much she drank half a jug in less than three minutes but later said that it was "meh" and that she "prefers regular milk". The mint milk tastes like melted mint chocolate chip ice cream, except worse. I thought the milk was not deserving of the title "miracle juice" and could be more accurately called an unfortunate attempt at a holiday drink. This may not be completely fair since I think milk in general is disgusting but the mint certainly isn't improving it. According to Byrne Dairy's website their mint milk is "so popular it's hard to keep on the shelves". Why would this ever be a thing that people are going out of their way to get? Apparently the mint milk has been sold since 1976 but I have never seen or heard of it before last week. Is this somehow a conspiracy? Probably. If you want something to drink I would recommend literally anything else. The mint milk doesn't taste good

but is strangely addictive. I would like to know exactly what they put in it.



Wordle

By Noa Stahlberg

What's this new game? What's the obsession? How do you play? What's the best starting word? This new daily word game was created by Josh Wardle, a software engineer,

who made it for his partner because he knew they loved word games. He sent this game to his friends and families, and they became obsessed. Eventually, he released it to the public. This game has become so popular recently the New York Times bought it for a little over 7 figures. This has Wordlers worried about how the game they love is going to change, and whether they have to pay for the game, as the NYT usually charges for games as a part of their subscription. Wordle is a game where you have six tries to guess a five letter word. If you get a yellow letter that means the letter is in the word but not in the right spot, and if you get a green letter that means you have the right letter in the right spot.

REMEMBER you want to get the word in the least amount of guesses.

Horoscopes

By Emilija Morkevicius

Aries: If you wear red tomorrow, you will meet the love of your life. Eventually. Stay away from pigeons.

Taurus: Don't fret, there are still plenty of fish in the sea. Sometimes love is worth waiting for.

Gemini: It's time to let go of all that anger you've been holding inside.

Cancer: I don't know why you consumed all that nuclear waste, but it's definitely going to affect you later in life.

Leo: You are so eager to please everyone around you that you forget to take care of yourself. Spend some quality time with yourself.

Virgo: You are constantly in a battle between your head and your heart. Choose your heart today.

Libra: Hurry up, watch that Netflix show you've been putting off for a while.

Scorpio: Whatever you do, DO NOT EAT CHEETOS TODAY.

Sagittarius: You're absolutely radiant today, do something impulsive.

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Tier List of the Week

S	Emerald Press out now, Trader Joe's chai tea latte mix
A	Warm Weather, Robert Pattinson and Zoë Kravitz in The Batman, Fable
B	Pisces season, no more gym basketball
C	Spring sports starting, Seussical is over
D	Had to miss Amal Clooney
E	Rain and slush, Absurdle is blocked
F	Remembering yearbooks aren't free, AP tests SOON

Horoscopes Continued

By Emilija Morkevičius

Capricorn: Take a break. We've seen enough of you today. Love, the school newspaper.

Aquarius: You're such a watery water aquarium, your water-like tendencies make you go with the flow. Watching Awkafina will set your mindset perfectly for the weekend ahead.

Pisces: You're a huge fan of salmon, cod, and tuna. You're such a catch! Anyways, those Converse for a while are fantabulous, go ahead and order them.

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In the Knight Light:

Emilia Goeller

By Noa Stahlberg

Movie: Pacific Rim

Book: Currently, it's *Angels In America* by Tony Kushner

Celebrity: Dolly Parton

Music Genre: Lofi

Song: Cough Syrup by Young the Giant or anything by Neil Young

Food: Oranges I guess

Class: AP Bio!

Season: Spring

Color: Red or any pastels

Place: Guayaquil, Ecuador

Ice Cream Flavor: Mint chocolate chip

Phrase: "Do it, you won't"

Web Site: Etsy?

Store: Lulu's

Article of Clothing: Hoodie or cardigan

Sport: Figure skating

Long Answers:

What would you bring to a Deserted Island:

Probably a knife, or something like that to carve things with.

If you had one wish what would it be:

Never have to work yet still have money. I do not dream of labour



Awkward High School Memory:

Getting hit with Emily Holms' oboe

VS:

Nike vs. Adidas:

Neither, both are boring

Math Red vs. Blue:

Red. Duh.

Coke vs. Pepsi:

Neither. The bubbles make me sneeze

Milk vs. Cow juice:

Milk...?

The Brutal Murder of the Library

By Abigail Hagos

Students and teachers alike are mourning the loss of our beloved MS/HS library. She was a good one. With her sleek wooden furniture, cozy atmosphere, and books rich with knowledge and fantasy, the library was loved. We always thought she would be here with us forever, serving as a mother figure, a shoulder to cry on. But alas, our library has been brutally murdered. The comforting concept of her as a whole has already left us, and plans for her renovation will be put in motion come April. The timeless nature of the library will be tarnished with excuses for modernization, its books replaced with bean bags and purpose replaced with the title of “Multi-Media Center”. I have stalked Ms. Jerome for weeks, entering her house at ungodly hours of the night, asking her what she thinks of this change. The third time I broke into her home in the name of journalism, she told me that she chooses to stay neutral and does not want her opinion to influence that of others. So instead, I asked my fellow classmates and teachers what they thought.

“I love the library, and I feel like we didn’t use it as much as we could have. And I think the multi-media center won’t be as great, the middle schoolers will always be in there.”

- Noa Stahlberg

“I think an updated space for students to both study and have a place to hang out is important.”

- Mr. Darrow

“The space itself was a nice place to go because even though it’s a small library, there is a lot of space to go to do your own thing... as long as

it is benefiting students, the renovation will be good.”

- Mr. Jones

“I think it’s an interesting idea, but I don’t think it’ll work.”

- Shunsei Yamamoto

“Absolutely horrible” . . . “One of the most stupid decisions the school has made. It already has the perfect atmosphere and aesthetic for a student lounge and serves the purpose of a student lounge as it is.” . . . “It’s already set up in the perfect way with seats and tables.”

Harry Rosbrook

Change may be good, but this drastic transformation will leave the library a husk of what it once was. I think I can speak for most students when I say: this. is. blasphemy



Question of the week:



"Pisces (women only)" - Emma Crespi



"Gemini" - Juliana Catania



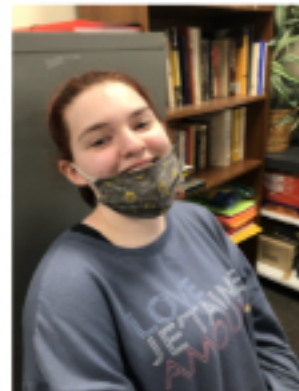
"I'm not a zodiac person, but cancer's the best" - Tinsae :{



"Give me a minute, I need to look at what they are" - Nick Catania

What is the best zodiac sign?

By Emilija Morkevičius



"Libra" - Errin Jeffers



"Leo" Somara Ebersold



"No comment" - Jonah Rood-Creel



"Oh shucks, oh hey of course it's Virgo!" - Noa Stahleber
"That was a violation of my privacy. You spelled my name wrong! Look at how she spelled my name!"